

Linn of Victoria. Ross.
Linn of Wharton. Terrell.
Morriess. Tillett.
Presler. Wayland.
Rogers. Woods.

Absent.

Atlee. Stafford.
Boren. Stone.
Colquitt. Turney.
Dibrell. Yantis.
Lewis. Yett.
Neal.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson, as follows:

Almighty God: After the lovely, impressive Easter Sabbath, with its beauties, joy and delightful anticipations, we are ushered into another Monday morning with its many duties and stern responsibilities. We come to Thee, the source of all light, wisdom and strength, and pray that thou will guide us in the path of rectitude, honor and usefulness. May all our actions be characterized by righteousness, courtesy and patriotism. Oh! God, Thou who so loved us as to give Thy Son to die for us; and thou Christ, who art touched with a feeling of our infirmities, and who wept with Mary and Martha at the tomb of their brother Lazarus, we pray Thee to send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, and graciously sustain and bless Senator Lewis and family in this sad hour of bereavement; and out of the mist and gloom of this earthly sorrow so appalling, point them to the glorious Easter morning when father and children will be reunited in the Home beyond, "the house not made with hand, eternal in the heavens;" these feeble prayers we ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

Senator Burns sent up the following:

Whereas, the Senate is advised of the death of Major W. C. Lewis, the father of Hon. Perry J. Lewis, a distinguished member of the Texas Senate; therefore, be it

Resolved, that this body stands adjourned until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock as a mark of respect to the dead.

To our friend and brother, Hon. Perry J. Lewis, we extend our heartfelt sympathies in this the hour of his great affliction.

Unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and the Secretary declared the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

SEVENTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Tuesday, April 20.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Morriess.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.

Absent.

Atlee.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Boren.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Turney.
Lewis.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson, as follows:

Almighty God: As the material sun, in his splendor, brought light, warmth and sunshine to the earth, so may the Son of Righteousness bring to our souls the light of intelligence, the joy or sunshine, and the warmth of love; that all we do and say to-day may be useful and helpful to the people, and reflect credit upon ourselves and honor to Thee, we ask for the sake of Christ. Amen.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Kerr, the same was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Rogers:

Protest of 86 citizens of Anderson county against the passage of Senate bill No. 343 (judicial redistricting bill.)

Read and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Rogers:

Protest of 102 citizens of Palestine, Anderson county, against the passage of Senate bill No. 343 (judicial redistricting bill).

Read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 19, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your committee appointed to

visit the penitentiaries and the convict farms beg leave to submit the following:

That we visited and carefully inspected the following farms upon which convicts are worked: Steele Bros., Waller county; Allen farm, and W. J. Terrell & Co., in Brazos county; W. W. Watts, R. J. White, J. R. Collier, in Robertson county, and W. T. Watt and Tom Peoples, in Milam county. We found the farms in good shape, and the convicts well clothed, fed, and well provided for. In making inquiry of individual convicts in numerous instances, found only one complaint of the food furnished, and upon making investigation of the complaint found that the same was entirely unfounded. We made a personal inspection of the bedding, barracks and food furnished, and saw no cause for complaint, and we unhesitatingly say that the convicts on said farms are better provided for than the general average of the farm laborer throughout the State in the matter of food and clothing and medical attention. We further made inquiry not only of the sergeants and the guards, but particularly of the convicts themselves, and in no instance did we find or hear any complaint of the convicts of being overworked or of undue exposure to rain or cold.

We take special pride in mentioning the efficiency of Sergeants James Murphy, T. M. Hicks, J. N. South, E. G. McNutt, C. G. Wood, J. H. Rozell, A. S. Addison and S. N. Bell of the above mentioned camps. We found them to be unassuming gentlemen, and well versed in the management of convicts, and in so far as we were able to see at this early day in the farm season, were calculated to manage the farms placed under their care with credit.

We were accompanied by Major T. E. Durham, State inspector, who showed us many courtesies, for which we feel very grateful, and we feel it but just to say that the State's interest is being strictly guarded by him, and believe him to be the right man in the right place.

After visiting the above farms, we proceeded to inspect the penitentiaries, and after making a thorough inspection of the Rusk penitentiary, we inspected the adjoining convict farms. The Rusk penitentiary is under the immediate supervision of Assistant Superintendent James P. Gibson, who is thoroughly up to date and alive to the interest of the important charge committed to his keeping. We in-

spected every department of the penitentiary, and conversed freely with convicts working in each and every department, and beg leave to state that in the fewest number of instances was any complaint made of their treatment, food furnished or sleeping apartments, and these were unimportant and trivial in character. The camps adjacent to Rusk we found in good shape and conducted in a business-like way, and the convicts there have no complaint to make of overwork or ill treatment. We found a number of sick, and, upon investigation, found that they were having daily medical attention.

While at Rusk, we were ordered by the Senate to immediately return in order to make a quorum, and hence we made no inspection of the Huntsville penitentiary or other farms upon which convicts are worked.

Major Whatley, Superintendent of Penitentiaries, met us at Rusk and extended every courtesy possible to aid us in getting information along the line of our investigation. The Rusk wood camp is some eight miles west from the town of Rusk, and at present the terminus of the State railway. Here timber is cut by convicts and shipped over this road to the coaling ovens at Rusk, where it is converted into coal by the retort system or process, with which to move the machinery in the Rusk penitentiary. This road has been built by convict labor, and the bed is, perhaps, as good as any in the State, and the only expense to the State has been the iron rails, attachments and rolling stock. It is built in the direction of Palestine, and is only about 20 miles therefrom, and could be completed through to the latter place with surplus convict labor, at a small cost to the State, and would be a great saving to the State in the way of freight on machinery, piping and other heavy hardware manufactured by the State at the Rusk penitentiary. The State pays now a local rate over the Gulf Short Line Railway from Rusk to Jacksonville, a distance of some sixteen miles, which in a few years amounts to enough to pay for the iron rails necessary to complete this State road from its present terminus to Palestine, at which point direct communication would be made with the International and Great Northern Railway system; therefore, we recommend that the State extend this State road on to Palestine at as early a date as possible.

At Calvert we were met by Dr. H. A. Lewis and other gentlemen, and conveyed by special train out to the Calvert coal and mining camp, which is situated some six miles west of the town of Calvert, on the Brazos river. Here this company has 135 convicts at work, and we must say that we were especially pleased with the care taken of these convicts by Dr. Lewis, the sergeant and the guards in charge. The convicts have splendid quarters, being clean and well ventilated, and their food good and wholesome. The convicts are well dressed, and in private conversation they told us that they were kindly treated and not overworked, and the only cause of discontent among them was such as would naturally arise among men deprived of their liberty and held as prisoners. Their statements to us were highly complimentary to Dr. Lewis and the sergeant in charge, and in fact they spoke in the highest terms of the guards and all others connected with the management of this camp. Respectfully submitted,

BOREN,
ROGERS,
NEAL,
Committee.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 17, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 539, a bill to be entitled "An act making appropriations for the deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for payment of expenses for support of the State government from March 1, 1895, to February 28, 1897, and for previous years, being for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with law, and for outstanding claims not registered, and other deficiencies."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STONE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 19, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 351, entitled "An act to amend articles 641 and 642, chapter 2, title XXI, of the Revised Stat-

utes of Texas, relating to the creation of corporations."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 17, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 354, entitled "An act to validate the incorporation and to declare valid the acts of towns and villages heretofore regularly incorporated for free school purposes, having within their limits towns incorporated for municipal purposes, which latter had ceased to exercise their functions as such, or which had not assumed control of the public schools within their limits, and to provide that such towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes shall have exclusive control of the public free schools within their limits, and to repeal all laws in conflict,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 17, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 321, entitled "An act to exempt ex-soldiers from the payment of occupation tax as peddlers,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 19, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

Substitute House bills Nos. 504, 505, 583, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Galveston, by amending sections 39, 116 and 127, and by adding thereto sections 90a, 132d, 132e, 176, 188a, 188b, 188c, 188d, 188e, 188f, 188g, 188h, 188i, 188j, 4a, 6a, 72a, 91, 92 and 93."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

(1) By striking out "August 1," in

line 19, section 176, and insert in lieu thereof "June 1."

(2) By striking out section 6a.

LINN of Wharton, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 19, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 340, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Galveston by amending sections 39, 116, 127, 132d, and 174, and by adding thereto sections 73c, 73d, 90a, 132d, 132e, 174a, 188a, 188b, 188c, 188d, 188e, 188f, 188g, 188h, 188i, and 188j."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that another bill of similar import has been reported favorably.

LINN of Wharton, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 19, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 528, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 579, 580, 586 and 615, title XVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas; increases population necessary to incorporate; requires record of plat and that nothing but the town be included; provides for abolishing corporations by a majority vote."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LINN of Wharton, Acting Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Burns:

Senate bill No. 366, a bill to be entitled "An act for the establishment of a public park on the site of the battle field of San Jacinto, and providing for the purchase and condemnation of a sufficient amount of land upon which to establish said park, and making an appropriation therefor."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Wayland:

Senate joint resolution No. 15, to amend article XI of the Constitution of the State, by adding thereto section 12.

Read first time and referred to Com-

mittee on Constitutional Amendments.
Call concluded.

On motion of Senator Harrison, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 365, a bill to be entitled "An act to donate to the Christian church of Austin, Texas, a certain lot of ground for church purposes."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Harrison:

Amend by inserting after the caption of the bill and before section 1, the following preamble:

"Whereas, in laying out the city of Austin, the Republic of Texas dedicated and set apart for church purposes a portion of the north half of block No. 101, in said city; and

Whereas, the State has never designated the particular organization of Christians which might have the use of said property; and

"Whereas, the Christian Church of Austin desires to erect a new church building, and has no suitable lot upon which to build; therefore."

Adopted.

By Senator Harrison:

Amend by adding the following:

"Sec. 3. The near approach of the close of the session, and the fact that preparations are being made to erect

a church building on said lot in the near future, creates an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that it be so enacted, and these facts create an emergency, requiring that this bill take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Adopted.

By Senator Linn of Victoria:

Amend section 1 by adding: "Provided, that the said Christian church shall complete a church building within two years from the passage of this act on said part of lot herein set apart."

Adopted.

Senator Ross moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Senator Colquitt moved as a substitute, that the bill lay on the table subject to call.

Carried.

PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before Senate as pending business,

Senate bill No. 258, a bill to be entitled "An act to empower the State Board of Education to procure, for use

in the public free schools of the State of Texas, a series of uniform text-books; defining the duties of certain officers therein named with reference thereto; making appropriation therefor; defining certain misdemeanors; providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Action being on the adoption of the substitute offered by Senator Beall for the amendment offered by Senator Ross (see Journal of April 16).

Pending discussion,

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after the caption had been read,

Senate bill No. 87, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act of the regular session of the Twenty-third Legislature, entitled an act to provide for the protection of domestic animals, for the creation of a live stock sanitary commission, rules and regulations, to provide penalties for violating the same, and to make an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act, approved April 20, A. D. 1896."

On motion of Senator Goss, the pending business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 118, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal article 5000, of title CII, chapter 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to amend article 4998 of said title and chapter, relating to a lawful fence and the impounding of stock in counties and subdivisions of counties where the stock law has been adopted."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Goss, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Morriss.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Gough.	Wayland.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.

Nays—1.

Ross.

Absent.

Atlee.	Boren.
Bailey.	Dibrell.

Lewis.	Rogers.
Linn of Victoria.	Stafford.
Neal.	Turney.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Presler.
Burns.	Stone.
Colquitt.	Terrell.
Darwin.	Tillett.
Goss.	Wayland.
Greer.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.

Nays—3.

Gough.	Ross.
Harrison.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Bailey.	Neal.
Boren.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Turney.

Senator Beall sent up the following committee report:

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 20, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 366, a bill to be entitled "An act for the establishment of a public park on the site of the battle field of San Jacinto, and providing for the purchase and condemnation of a sufficient amount of land upon which to establish said park, and making an appropriation therefor."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

BEALL, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Terrell, pending business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 359, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend subdivisions 1 and 2, chapter 2, title 15, article 1093, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to attached witnesses, and providing fees for same."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Greer:

Amend line 5, page 2, by striking out all after the word "where," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The testimony of such wit-

ness could have been obtained and reduced to writing on an examining or inquest trial."

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Terrell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Presler.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Greer.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.
Linn of Wharton.	

Nays—none.

Present, not voting.

Darwin.

Absent.

Atlee.	Neal.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Boren.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Turney.
Lewis.	

Senator Colquitt moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered engrossed.

Reconsidered.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend by striking out the words "or grand jury," in line 14, page 1.

Pending action, the following committee reports were sent up:

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 17, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 87, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act of the regular session of the Twenty-third Legislature, entitled an act to provide for the protection of domestic animals, for the creation of a live stock sanitary commission, rules and regulations, to provide penalties for violating the same, and to make an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act, approved April 20, A. D. 1893."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 12 a. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

ROGERS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 20, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred Senate joint resolution No. 15, to amend article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto section 12.

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WOODS, Acting Chairman.

On motion of Senator Wayland, the Senate adjourned to 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll call. No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Presler.
Burns.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Woods.
Linn of Victoria.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	Neal.
Boren.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yett.

Senator Colquitt moved a call of the Senate, which was duly seconded and ordered, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Greer.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Linn of Victoria.	Woods.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.
Morriss.	Yett.

Absent.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Bailey.	Lewis.
Boren.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Goss.	Turney.
Gough.	

Senators Bailey and Goss were announced.

Quorum announced.

PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 359, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend subdivisions 1 and 2, chapter 2, title 15, article 1093 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to attached witnesses and providing fees for same,"

Action being on Senator Colquitt's amendment, to-wit:

Amend by striking out the words "or grand jury," in line 14, page 1.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Wayland.
Linn of Victoria.	

Nays—15.

Bailey.	Ross.
Burns.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.
Rogers.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Boren.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Gough.	Turney.
Kerr.	

By Senator Yett:

Add to section 1, "and provided further, that no witness shall receive any compensation when it is shown to the satisfaction of the district judge approving the claim that such witness endeavored to evade process."

Adopted.

By Senator Beall:

Amend by striking out the enacting clause.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—6.

Beall.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Morriss.
Colquitt.	Wayland.

Nays—15.

Bailey.	Ross.
Burns.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	Yantis.
Presler.	Yett.
Rogers.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Boren.	Linn of Victoria.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Gough.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Turney.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

Senator Beall moved to correct the Journal of the 14th instant by striking out on page 639 the words "section 2 of" in the amendment of Senator Turney to House bill No. 518:

So ordered.

Senator Harrison moved to suspend pending business to take up,

Senate bill No. 365, a bill to be entitled "An act to donate to the Christian church of Austin, Texas, a certain lot of ground for church purposes."

Lost.

Senator Yett moved to suspend pending business to take up,

Senate bill No. 34, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal title 82 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to pass in lieu thereof this act, to license physicians and surgeons and to regulate the practice of medicine, and to punish persons violating the provisions thereof in the State of Texas."

Lost.

On motion of Senator Beall, pending business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

House joint resolution No. 20, a resolution to amend article 11 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto section 11.

Resolution read second time, and ordered engrossed.

PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 258, a bill to be entitled "An act to empower the State Board of Education to procure for use in the public free schools of this State a series of uniform text-books, defining the duties of certain officers therein named with reference thereto, making appropriation therefor, defining certain misdemeanors, providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Action being on Senator Beall's substitute for Senator Ross' amendment (see Journal of April 16).

(Senator Yantis in the chair.)

Pending action,

Senator Rogers moved that Journal Clerk W. B. O'Quinn be excused in-

definitely, on account of sickness in his family.

Excused.

By unanimous consent, Senator Rogers sent up

"Protest of 208 citizens of Grapeland, Houston county, against the passage of Senate bill No. 343—the re-districting bill.

Read and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By unanimous consent, Senator Linn of Victoria sent up

Senate bill No. 367, a bill to be entitled "An act to compel the commissioners' courts of the several counties of the State of Texas to advertise for bids upon all contracts made by said courts when the contract price shall be equal to or exceed the sum of \$500, and to prescribe the manner and mode of such advertisement."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Pending action,

Senator Wayland moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Lost.

Senator Darwin moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Lost.

Senator Burns moved to suspend the regular order to take up Senate bill No. 366 (see caption in morning Journal).

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Beall.	Ross.
Burns.	Stone.
Colquitt.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Greer.	Wayland.
Linn of Victoria.	Woods.
Morriss.	Yantis.

Nays—7.

Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Bowser.	Presler.
Darwin.	Rogers.
Harrison.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Boren.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Gough.	Turney.
Kerr.	Yett.

Senator Bailey moved to recommit substitute House bill No. 505, and Senate bill No. 340, to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

Recommitted.

On motion of Senator Bailey.

Senator Harrison was excused for the remainder of this week, on account of important business.

Pending action on Senate bill No. 258 (the text-book bill),

Senator Terrell moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Senator Beall moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Senator Beall's motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Beall.	Linn of Victoria.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Ross.
Goss.	Stone.
Greer.	Wayland.
Harrison.	

Nays—10.

Bailey.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Terrell.
Darwin.	Tillett.
Linn of Wharton.	Woods.
Morriss.	Yantis.

Absent.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Boren.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Gough.	Turney.
Kerr.	Yett.

Adjourned.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Thursday, April 22.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Linn of Wharton.
Bailey.	Presler.
Beall.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Turney.
Gough.	Wayland.
Greer.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn of Victoria.	

Absent.

Boren.	Morriss.
Burns.	Stafford.

Excused.

Harrison.	Neal.
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Prayer by the Rev. Dr. R. J. Briggs of Austin, as follows: